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AMENDMENT AND ELECTION UNDER RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued July 17, 2003, wherein restriction of the claims of the above-referenced application is required. Transmitted herewith is a request for a one-month extension time.

Prior to the mailing of an Office Action pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following Amendment to the above-referenced application and consider the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.